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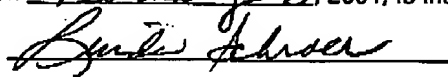
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Title : Methods for Identifying Compounds for Regulating Muscle
Mass or Function Using Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action of December 12, 2003, and this response being filed within 2-months, no fees are believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. Please amend the above-identified application as follows, consider the following remarks, and reconsider the application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.